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Olney Station 'miracle' as child born on subway train

Rider who got on Broad Street line in South Philly pregnant got off in Olney a mother ◐ SEPTA officer helped young woman until medics arrived, told of 'peaceful delivery' ◐ First birth on city train in memory {page 02}

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▶ Drilling angst runs strong.

Drilling regulations expand, even in Pa.

Legislatures in 34 states have enacted no fewer than 94 separate laws relating to oil, gas and coal so far this year, as the surge in exploration and production pushes fossil fuels high up the agenda for state lawmakers, including those in Pennsylvania who are finally getting involved.

In 2009, Montana and North Dakota accounted for a quarter of all new fossil energy laws. The new wave is far more extensive and includes states like Pennsylvania that did not pass any fossil fuel bills during the first wave. The number of new laws passed on fossil fuels has soared from 66 bills in 22 states last year and 55 bills in 27 states in 2010, according to the online bill-tracking database run by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

It is the second wave of energy laws to emerge from state capitols. The first wave came in 2009 when 35 states passed a total of 129 different laws.

But the first wave contained numerous measures about greenhouse emissions and energy conservation. The second wave centers firmly on drilling, transporting and taxing fossil fuels. Interest in regulating fossil fuel extraction and distribution has now spread beyond the Midwest. **REUTERS**

In the news

Man charged in fatal car crash

A man was charged yesterday for allegedly plowing into a car near the Spring Garden Street Bridge early Tuesday morning, then fleeing the scene on foot. A passenger in the car he allegedly hit, 52-year-old Sandra Lee, died a short time later. Carl Frederock, 30, is charged with homicide by vehicle, involuntary manslaughter, DUI and causing an accident while being improperly licensed. **METRO**

In the news

Campus fire drill

Local college campuses will practice fire safety today by participating in a fire drill. The Philadelphia Fire Department will stage a mock dorm fire at Drexel University at 6:45 p.m. to help practice escape plans. Drexel will evacuate four dormitories and 10 fraternity houses. University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and LaSalle University will also take part. **METRO**

▶ Brigham

Retired trooper dies in chopper crash

BUCKS COUNTY. A retired Pennsylvania state trooper was killed in a helicopter crash yesterday.

The crash happened around 6:30 a.m. in Tinicum. The pilot was identified as retired Cpl. Doug Brigham, 52. Brigham is believed to be the aircraft's only occupant. Brigham was a pilot for a company called Catalyst Aviation, according to his Facebook profile. He was also the great-grandson of former President Herbert Hoover, according to an online obituary for his mother, who died last year. **METRO**

More mandatory prison terms approved in Pa.

HARRISBURG. The Senate unanimously approved a bill yesterday that would impose a minimum sentence for those convicted of straw purchasing firearms. It mandates a minimum five-year sentence for anyone convicted of making more than one illegal firearm transfer or sale. It passed in the House last year. Gov. Tom Corbett's office said he is likely to sign it. **METRO**

Train arrives at station with an extra passenger

SEPTA officer who helped young — sudden — mother have 'peaceful delivery' recounts amazing tale Baby, like mother, were surprisingly calm despite wild birth aboard Broad Street line subway Tuesday afternoon

SEPTA

▶ A baby boy born on a subway train was in fine condition yesterday afternoon, officials said.

One day after a woman quietly gave birth on a Broad Street line train unbeknownst to other passengers, riders and employees were still buzzing about "the miracle at Olney Station."

SEPTA officials said the amazing event happened shortly after 2 p.m. on a northbound train. SEPTA Police Officer Loyd Rodgers and his partner approached the 22-year-old woman after she came up the escalator holding a baby that appeared to be ill. They quickly realized the baby – a boy – had just been born.

"At that time, we sat her down and we started doing first aid because the baby wasn't crying," said Rodgers, a 12-year veteran of the force. "[The mother] showed no signs of pain, anything of that nature. She was able to answer to the questions as if she was in perfect health."

According to Rodgers, the woman said she had just come from classes at a culinary school in South Philadelphia and was on the way to her doctor. She felt her first contraction on the train, but the pain subsided.

"She said 'Once the train arrived at Olney Station, I got up out of my seat and I felt pressure coming from stomach and when I looked down I saw the baby coming out of my stomach,'" recalled Rodgers, who was noticeably still bubbling.

While the officers wrapped the baby in a hoodie and called for medics, passengers snapped pictures and congratulated the woman, said Rodgers, who described the scene as surreal.

"It was almost like, 'Wow, I hope I do everything correct to make her delivery a peaceful one.' That was my intention," he said.

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Quoted

"Something like this, no one's ever encountered this that we know of."
ANDREW BUSCH, SEPTA

"We've had our share of people who've gone into labor, but they always seem to get to hospitals before it happens."
BUSCH

"It was almost like, 'Wow, I hope I do everything correct to make her delivery a peaceful one.' That was my intention."
LOYD RODGERS, SEPTA POLICE

First in memory

The mother and child were taken to Einstein Medical Center, where they were reportedly doing well. SEPTA officials said it was the first delivery on the system that anyone could recall.

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▶ The city school district's lunch menus ranked 17th out of 22 districts across the country in a health survey.

Philly schools get 'C' for their meaty menus

The Philadelphia School District ranked below average in a national report card on school lunches released yesterday.

The report, done annually by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, analyzed elementary school meals at 22 districts participating in the National School Lunch Program. It assessed whether districts go above the federal guidelines to serve healthy school lunches.

This year's report focused on two essential areas for children's nutrition in schools: obesity and chronic disease prevention, and nutrition and healthy-eating initiatives. The average grade is a B, or score of 84, up from 78.7 in 2008.

Philadelphia received a score of 75. The district received positive marks for its farm-to-school program, along with cooking classes and school gardens at select schools, but received poor marks for offering few vegetarian and vegan entrees, serving processed meat such as ham and offering Philly cheesesteaks.

"The critical point was in the opportunity to serve plant-based, low-fat options to kids. They only had one [vegetarian entree] per week or sometimes two. And then that one option tended to be high in fat because it included a lot of cheese," said Susan Levin, director of nutrition education at PCRM.

Levin suggested that the district increase high-protein foods like beans and continue nutritional education. "We do see some positive things in the school district, like the gardens and cooking education, but if we could just clean up this menu a bit for elementary school kids, that would put them in the 'A' range," she said.

The district did not respond to a request for comment.

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Pinella County Schools in Florida received a perfect score of 100, a first in the report card's eight-year history. The most improved district was Washoe County in Nevada, which jumped 22 points from 66 in 2008 to 88 this year.

Development. Navy Yard

▶ The $34 million Navy Courtyard by Marriott, slated to open in late 2013, will feature a restaurant and lounge with park views, 172 rooms with executive suites, 2,000 square feet of meeting space and a fitness center.

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The Philadelphia Navy Yard's first hotel will break ground today. Designed by Erdy McHenry Architecture, the team behind the Piazza at Schmidts, the five-story hotel will be equipped with a rain-screen system whose alternating metal panels will vary in color and shade depending on the amount of sunlight. Formerly the first naval shipyard in the U.S., it is now home to more than 120 businesses. METRO/AW

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US, Israel to hold major missile defense exercise

The United States and Israel will hold a major missile defense exercise in Israel this month, sending a message of close cooperation as both countries weigh their options over Iran's nuclear weapons program.

The three-week exercise, the largest the allies have ever held, will simulate a variety of long- and short-range missile attacks that Israel could face during a regional conflict, said the commanders in charge.

Asked whether it sent a message to Iran, which has warned of an all-out war should Israel try to strike its nuclear facilities, Israeli Brig. Gen. Nitzan Nuriel said, "Anybody can get any type of message from this exercise."

Offering a more guarded response, his U.S. counterpart, Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin, said the exercise "is not there to send a message," adding that it has been in planning for more than two years.

"This exercise will improve the cooperative missile defense of Israel and will promote regional stability and help ensure our military edge," he said. REUTERS

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▶ The missiles are meant to send a message to Iran.

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"The fact that we are practicing together and working together is a strong message by itself."

ISRAELI BRIG. GEN. NITZAN NURIEL

The exercise

- "This exercise will improve the cooperative missile defense of Israel and will promote regional stability and help ensure our military edge," he said.
- More than 3,500 U.S. personnel will take part in the drill, about 1,000 of them in Israel, Franklin said, putting a total price tag on the exercise at $60 million.
- The weapons will include U.S. Patriot missile batteries and an AEGIS ballistic missile defense ship, along with the multi-tiered missile defense system that Israel has been developing. All but one of the launches will be simulated.

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Metro photo challenge

▶ "Sunsetting in Lynn, MA" is by Josephine Farah.

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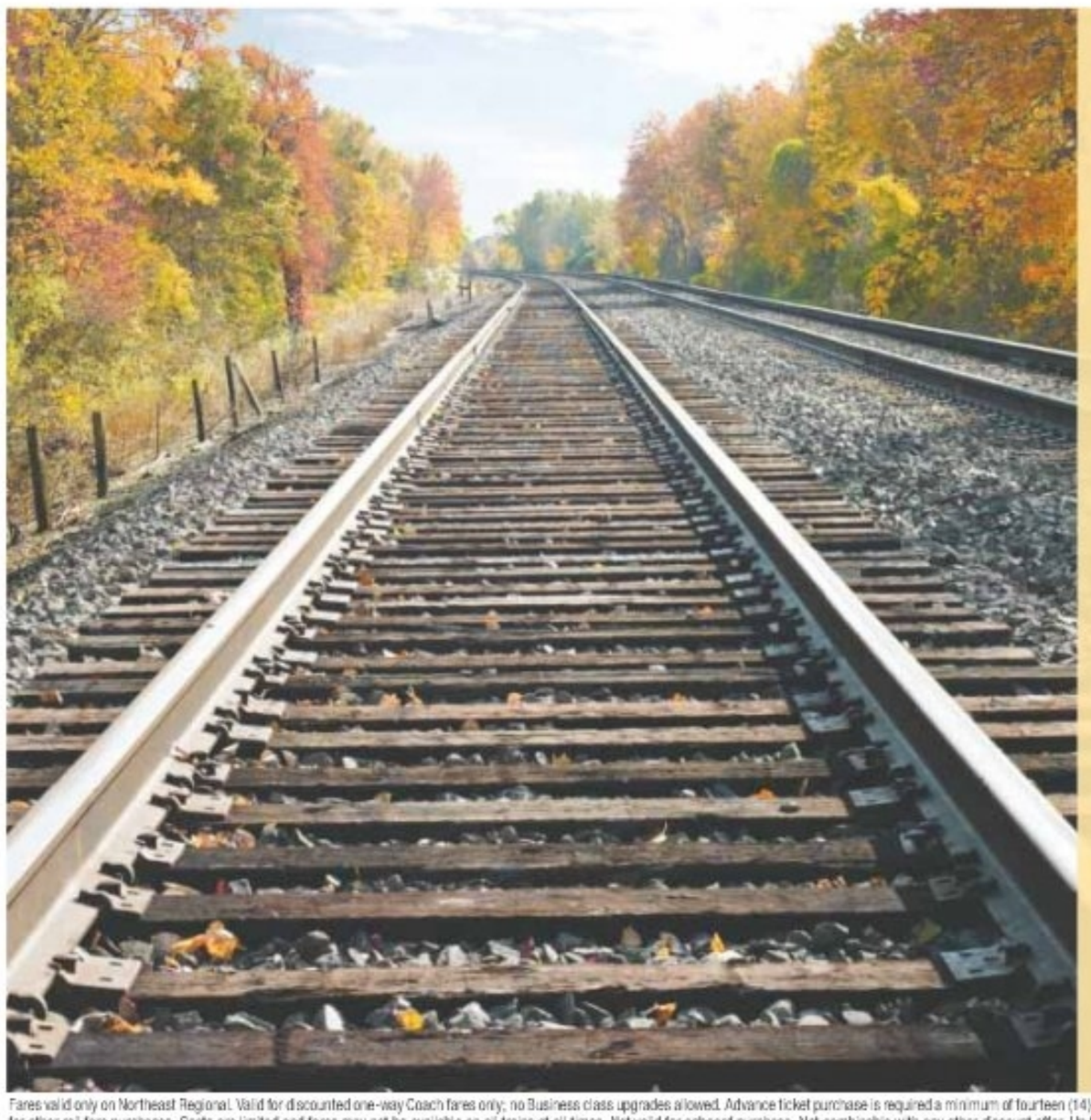
In the news

New NYT CEO denies knowing of BBC scandal

The scandal at Britain's public broadcaster, the BBC, over allegations of sexual abuse involving late TV host Jimmy Savile is leading to awkward questions for The New York Times Co.'s incoming chief executive, Mark Thompson.

Thompson spent most of his career at the BBC, rising from roles on shows such as "Newsnight" before serving as director-general, the most powerful position in the U.K. television industry. REUTERS



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Bank of America profits, despite settlement cost

NEW YORK. Bank of America Corp. eked out a third-quarter profit even after taking $1.6 billion of litigation charges, as the second-largest U.S. bank set aside less money to cover bad loans.

The bank posted a big jump in bond trading revenue, excluding accounting adjustments, and its mortgage banking revenue rose 25 percent.

But it earned just $340 million during the quarter, down 95 percent from the same period last year, when it sold assets and recorded an accounting benefit. **REUTERS**

Housing starts surge in positive sign for economy

WASHINGTON. Groundbreaking on new U.S. homes surged in September to its fastest pace in more than four years, a sign the housing sector's budding recovery is gaining traction and supporting the wider economic recovery.

Housing starts increased 15 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 872,000 units, beating even the most optimistic forecasts on Wall Street, Commerce Department data showed yesterday.

It was the quickest pace of groundbreaking since July 2008, though data on starts is volatile and subject to substantial revisions. **REUTERS**

Nissan plans first-ever electronic steering

Japan's Nissan Motor Co. plans to equip some of its luxury cars with a system to control steering electronically, rather than mechanically, the first time so-called "steer-by-wire" technology will be used in mass-produced vehicles.

The new technology will be introduced in some car models of the Infiniti brand within a year, Nissan said at a briefing, paving the way for cars that could one day be steered by joysticks and be programmed to avoid crashes automatically.

"In the future, if we are freed from that, we would be able to place the steering wheel wherever we like, such as in the back seat, or it would be possible to steer the car with a joystick," said Masaharu Satou, a Nissan engineer.

Nissan demonstrated the technology to reporters last Friday ahead of its official announcement on Tuesday.

Various automakers have already introduced the technology in concept cars, including Audi's A2 unveiled in 2011. But Nissan is the first to apply it for mass-produced cars, said Nissan engineer Toshiharu Asai.

Under the new system, driver's intentions are transmitted more quickly to the wheels because of the quick speed of electronic signals. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We are thinking about the essentials – what kind of a tool should cars be for humans?"

TETSUYA IIJIMA, A NISSAN ENGINEER

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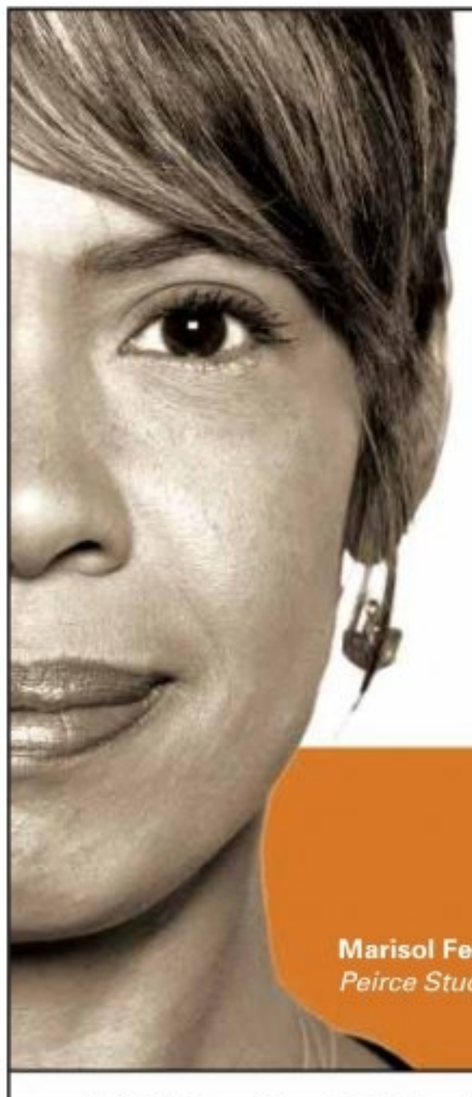
▶ Nissan Infinitis will become first with steer-to-wire technology.

How it works

Traditionally, the steering wheel of a car and the tires are linked mechanically, giving the driver direct feedback about steering from the tires on the road.

Using "steer by wire," inputs made by the driver through the steering wheel are transmitted to a computerised engine control unit, which instructs an actuator how to move the tires.

The cars will also have a backup clutch that will link the steering wheel and tires mechanically in the event of any problems, but Nissan hopes this won't always be needed. **REUTERS**



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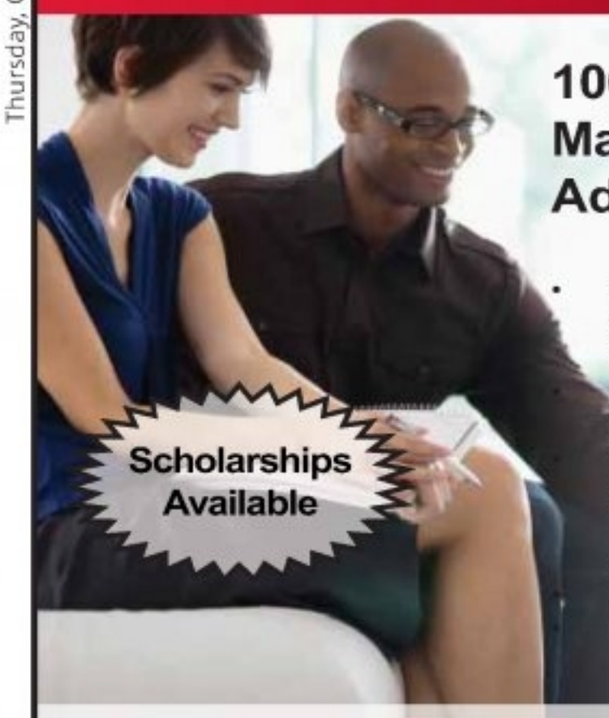

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Romney put in a bind(er)

GOP candidate's reply goes viral

With polls suggesting women voters were shifting their support to Romney, Obama made an aggressive pitch to them on Tuesday that yielded awkward moments for the Republican and a favorite new catch phrase on social media. Obama hit hard on issues such as equal pay for women and contraception and abortion rights.

Romney was asked how he would ensure pay equity for women.

He answered by recalling how, as governor, he had been concerned when all of the applicants for his cabinet were men. "I went to a number of women's groups and said, 'Can you help us find folks,' and they brought us whole binders full of women," he said. **REUTERS**

Analysis: Obama regains his footing in feisty second debate

President Barack Obama put his reelection bid back on firm footing Tuesday night with a strong debate performance that is likely to thrill his Democratic supporters and earn him a second look from the few voters who remain undecided.

With the Nov. 6 election three weeks away, Obama's second of three debates with Republican rival Mitt Romney represented one of the final chances to make an impression with voters.

Obama made the most of it with a focused, aggressive effort. It was a sharp departure from his listless first debate two weeks ago, when Romney's dominant performance ignited a resurgence by the Republican that left the race virtually even heading into Tuesday's matchup.

"Game on — he's back," Carleton College political science professor Steven Schier said of the president.

Obama made sure to work in all of the attack lines he had neglected in the Oct. 3 debate.

He hammered Romney for the wealthy Republican's low personal income tax rate and Romney's now-infamous dismissal of "47 percent" of the electorate. Obama also crisply outlined the accomplishments of his first term in office — from saving the auto industry to killing Osama bin Laden — and framed his answer on a question about women's rights in movingly personal terms.

Romney had his moments as well, especially when describing promises Obama had made and not kept.

Romney avoided the type of rout that Obama suffered in the Oct. 3 debate, but the night belonged to the president, analysts said. **REUTERS**

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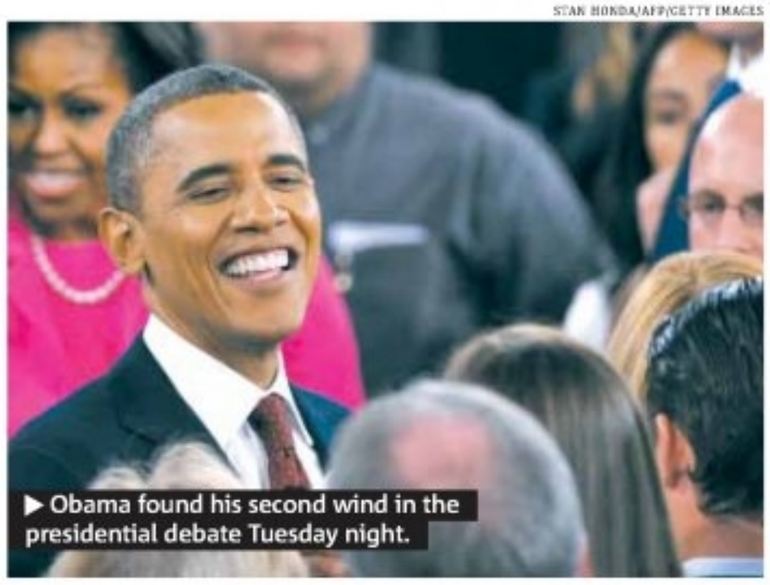

▶ Obama found his second wind in the presidential debate Tuesday night.

Quoted: Boston U professor Tobe Berkovitz

"I'd say it's a clear win for Obama. Certainly it would be difficult for anyone to say Romney won this debate."

Crowley takes sides

No fourth wall for Fourth Estate

As in pro football this season, many of the noisiest complaints after political debates have been directed not at the participants, but at the referees.

Tuesday's debate was no exception, as moderator Candy Crowley of CNN came under fire for siding with Obama during one of his sharpest exchanges with Romney. In that moment, Crowley walked into the middle of a national security controversy and contravened the wishes of both presidential campaigns.

After Romney said that it took Obama 14 days to call the attack that killed four Americans at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, an act of "terror," Obama cited remarks he made in the White House Rose Garden on Sept. 12, the day after the attack. The president said he had mentioned terrorism in recounting the attack.

"He did call it an act of terror," Crowley said. **REUTERS**

46 Percent of viewers who say Obama won the second presidential debate. **BLOOMBERG**

39 Percent of viewers who say Romney won the second presidential debate

73 Percent of viewers who say Obama's performance exceeded expectations after a lackluster first debate

73 Percent of viewers who say Romney's performance exceeded expectations after a strong first debate

50 Romney is leading 50 percent to Obama's 46 percent, according to this week's USA Today/Gallup poll.

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ANOTHER REPUBLICAN WITH FUZZY MATH SKILLS

Last night's debate was Mitt Romney's last chance to explain his jobs plan — tax cuts — to the largest audience he's likely to reach before Election Day, since next week's final debate will focus solely on foreign policy.

Throughout the debate, Romney reiterated that he plans to "create incentives to start growing jobs again" by reducing taxes on families and small businesses by 20 percent, along with cuts to corporate and capital gains taxes.

These tax cuts will cost $4.8 trillion — six times the size of President Obama's stimulus package. But unlike the president's stimulus — which included similar tax reductions, albeit on a smaller scale — Romney promised that his plan will not add one cent to the debt. To pay for his $4.8 trillion tax cut, Romney proposes placing a $25,000 cap on itemized tax deductions.

But at best, this deduction cap only generates a laughable $730 billion, leaving over $4 trillion unpaid for, to be added to the national debt. Even worse, Romney can't raise additional revenue by lowering the cap below $25,000; the average deduction for an upper-middle-class family is $20,000, and lowering the cap would raise taxes on middle-class families — something Romney promises he absolutely will not do.

So that's it then. The cornerstone of Romney's jobs plan really is nothing more than a handful of incoherent, mathematically impossible promises.

At best, if Romney shrinks the tax cut down to only what he can pay for — $730 billion — his big jobs plan turns out to be nothing more than a smaller, deficit-neutral version of the Bush tax cuts. At worst, Romney will go ahead with the massive tax cut anyway, raising the $16 trillion national debt to $20 trillion. And for what? If we're going to borrow $4 trillion either way, we might as well spend it on education, infrastructure, health care and scientific research, since tax cuts don't create jobs.

At the very least, if Republicans are going to support $4 trillion in new debt for another tax cut, surely they'll stop trying to cut your Social Security and Medicare ... right?

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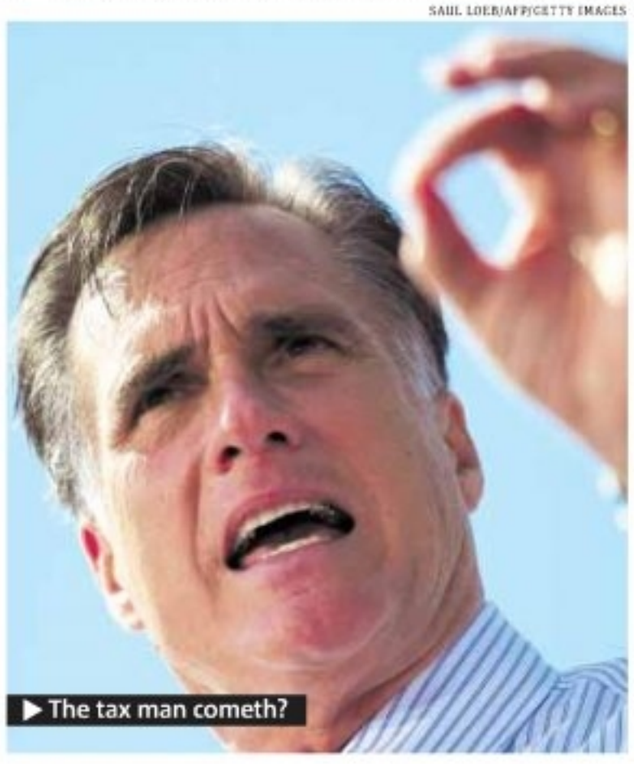

▶ The tax man cometh?

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

'De-aging' Kate Gosselin loses job

Kate Gosselin has had a hard time finding work since her TLC reality show, "Kate Plus 8," was cancelled. And now it looks like her one steady gig, being the world's most famous coupon blogger, has come to an end. Yes, earlier this week, Coupon Cabin's CEO **Scott Kluth** wrote a letter to his users telling them they let Gosselin go. "A series of recent events have made it clear to me that Kate Gosselin and her contributions do not align with the authenticity which we set out to build almost a decade ago, and that Ms. Gosselin is simply not a good fit with the wonderful team and culture at Coupon Cabin. It's with this that I am writing to inform you of our decision to discontinue Ms. Gosselin's feature blog."

And boy, did the claws ever come out in the hundreds of comments the statement produced. Some of the finest:

Kate "Benjamin Button" Gosselin

▶ *"I remember reading her blog and actually saying out loud, 'What does any of this information have to do with using coupons?'"* **LYNNE M**

▶ *"Well done, Coupon Cabin. My trust in you and your company is renewed."* **ARCHERGIRL7**

▶ *"It is about time. There was not ONE GOOD COUPON tip she EVER contributed to this class site."* **NANCY DAVIS KUZIOLA**

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But don't feel too badly for Gosselin: She doesn't need to spend her dwindling cash supply on Botox. Why? She claims she "de-ages." When she was asked by Andy Cohen on "Watch What Happens Live" last week about the rampant plastic surgery rumors, she said, with a totally straight face, "I am probably one of the rare few who de-age."

Flavor Flav arrested

Flavor Flav was arrested around 3 a.m. Tuesday morning in Las Vegas, reports TMZ. The Public Enemy hype man is reported to have assaulted a teenager in his house with a deadly weapon (it's unknown if this teen is Flav's son). He was booked on two charges: felony assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor domestic violence.

There is no word on if the "deadly weapon" was a giant clock necklace or not.

Flav

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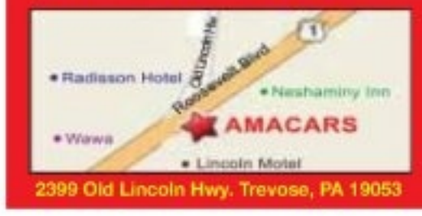

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May-her? Damn near killed her!

1. On-again, off-again couple **John Mayer** and **Katy Perry** appear to be on again — or at least in this picture, they do. Mayer celebrated his 35th birthday at a quiet dinner with friends and family (including Perry) at ABC Kitchen in New York on Monday night. Here's a look at the singer's past celebrity loves.

2. Jennifer Aniston brought Mayer as her date to the 2009 Vanity Fair Oscar party.

3. John Mayer and actress **Minka Kelly** at the NY Knicks game in 2007.

4. Mayer and **Taylor Swift** at the launch of VEVO in 2009 in New York City. Mayer has said her song "Dear John" was penned about his relationship with her.

5. Mayer and **Jessica Simpson** in May 2007.

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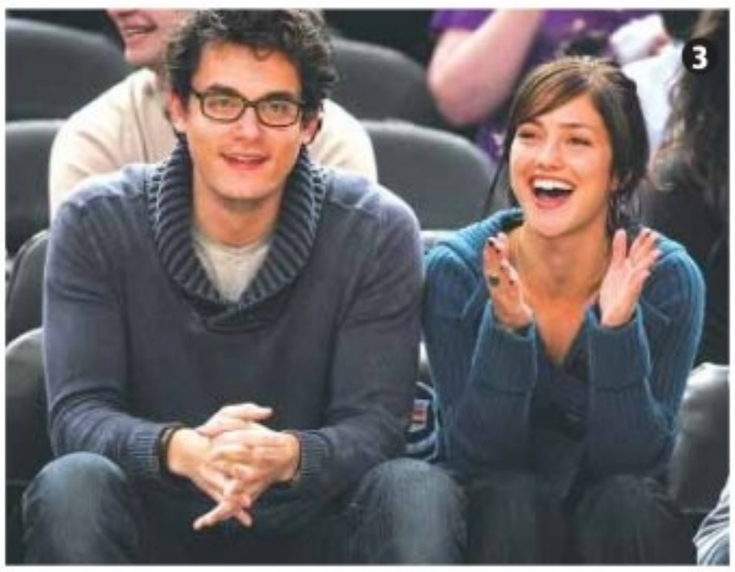

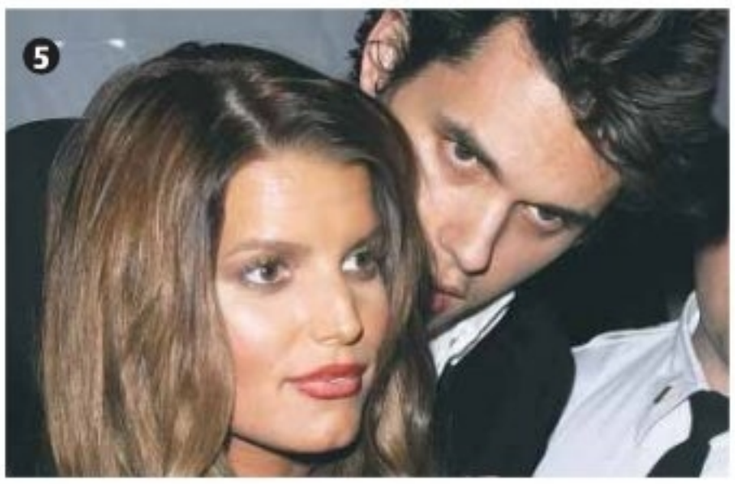

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Must-see

SIDNEY BALDWIN

▶ Tyler Perry goes for a change of pace, playing a detective and psychologist in "Alex Cross."

1 'Alex Cross': While Madea endures a period of forced retirement, her creator and Dr. Jekyll extraordinaire Tyler Perry plays against type in this adaptation of the best-selling James Patterson crime thrillers based on the title character.

2 'Paranormal Activity 4': While we continue to mourn the end of the "Saw" franchise — just kidding, no one misses it — we are comforted by yet another franchise mainstay of the Halloween season.

3 'Argo': Ben Affleck directs and stars in this engaging thriller about six American Foreign Service workers trapped in the home of a Canadian Ambassador during the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis.

4 'Seven Psychopaths': A screenwriter doesn't have to look far for inspiration when penning a new film about deranged individuals, considering his best friend steals dogs for a living.

5 'Sinister': Prepare to be spooked by this haunting tale about a crime writer who moves his family into the home that was the scene of family murders.

6 'Here Comes the Boom': Star Kevin James and director Frank Coraci bring you the story of a teacher (James) who attempts becoming a mixed martial arts specialist in order to raise money for his struggling school.

7 'Taken 2': Liam Neeson and Maggie Grace return for a second installment in this Luc Besson franchise about an ex-CIA operative who comes out of retirement to save his child and ex-wife.

8 'Frankenweenie': Tim Burton returns to his lovely, creepy world of animation. He directs this tale about a boy who hopes to bring his dog back to life.

9 'Looper': This thriller follows an assassin who finds that he is meant to kill his older self. Only Doc Brown could explain what this does to the space-time continuum.

10 'Hotel Transylvania': Even spooky monsters need a vacation. While their destination of choice may be the eponymous lodge, the community is threatened by humans who wish to stay at the resort as well.

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TV watch list

'Two and a Half Men'

COMEDY. Miley Cyrus guest stars as a woman who makes Walden begin to feel his age, possibly because she's the daughter of his friend, and even more likely because she appears here in lingerie in his bed. Something else he may begin to feel: Like a jerk. **8:30 p.m., CBS**

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▶ Missi (guest star Miley Cyrus) gets reacquainted with Walden (Ashton Kutcher) on "Two and a Half Men."

'Ethel'

DOCUMENTARY. Despite not giving an interview in more than 20 years, Ethel Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy's famously private widow, agreed to be the subject of this documentary. (It helps that it's by her filmmaker daughter, Rory.) The youngest of the couple's 11 children asks everything she — and we — wanted to know about her parents and the extraordinary life they lived, both politically and privately. **9 p.m., HBO**

'30 Rock'

COMEDY. "30 Rock" meets Ryan Lochte's rock-hard abs as the Olympian makes a guest appearance. **8 p.m., NBC**

'Project Runway'

REALITY. Jennifer Hudson judges the New York Fashion Week finale. **Season finale, 9 p.m., Lifetime** ● AMBER RAY

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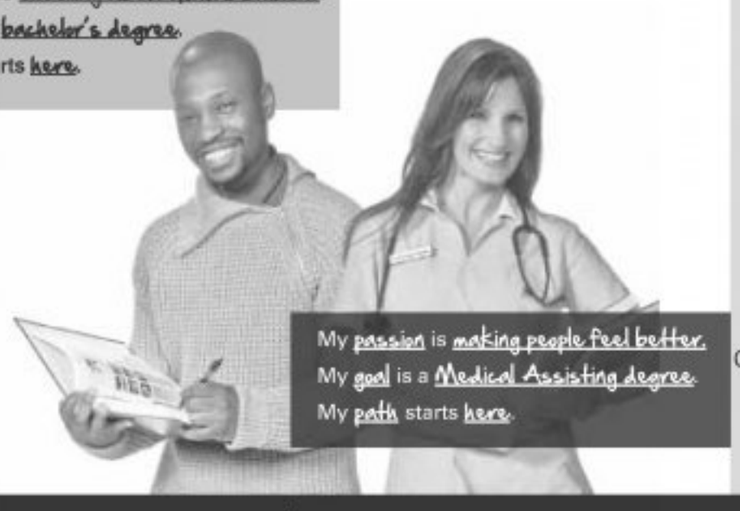

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Public snaps up scarce U.S. coins for $17; Vault Bags of 1,000 coins going fast

NATIONWIDE – When Mary Ellen Withrow tells you to do something, you better listen. And when she says you can get Vault Bags of scarce, old, and new U.S. coins for just a few dollars, you better do it today.

That's because she knows money like no other. She's the now retired 40th U.S. Treasurer from 1994-2001 during longest economic boom in U.S. history. Today, she said as a compensated consultant to the private World Reserve hasn't done enough to tell people about its new program that lets anyone snap up these valuable scarce coins for just a few bucks.

Today's readers can claim sets of the scarce coins and the bags of over 1,000 scarce, old, and new U.S. coins. With just 2 days left to send in a claim from this special advertising announcement, she said it's smart to hoard as many bags as you can get. These bags of money also make an impressive gesture for anyone you want to be remembered by.

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■ **FOR THE TAKING:** Nothing beats hoarding scarce coins like the Liberty "V" Nickel and Century-Old Indian Heads shown here. Today's readers can claim these scarce coin sets or get the $97 super saver of over 1,000 scarce, old, and new coins for you to search, each certain to contain multiple sets of these rarely-seen coins.

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Russell Crowe and his wife of nine years, Danielle Spencer, announced their separation this weekend. The two were on opposite sides of the globe when the news broke, she in Australia shooting "Dancing With The Stars," and he in Los Angeles shooting the film "Noah." Their whereabouts might be an indication of what went wrong with their marriage. Did their careers take priority over their love lives?

Often, you have to ask yourself the question: which comes first, my love life or my career? Sometimes there's no easy answer. At some point, if you have a profession, you will most likely be forced to make a decision. While having a career should not preclude being in a relationship, the question often becomes: How much is too much?

▶ Danielle Spencer and Russell Crowe split.

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If you're the one left alone on a Saturday night, what is important to keep in mind is to not take your partner's working overtime personally. It's easy to fall into the pattern of feeling they are choosing the office over you, while typically they don't see it as a choice but as their professional responsibility. If this is going on for you or the person you're seeing, look to put some checks and balances in place.

The other thing you can do if you know you are going to be overwhelmed with work, is to give your partner fair warning.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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halloween guide

A good costume is key to enjoying a great Halloween

We offer a few timely options and a list of the most popular costumes that are already selling like hot cakes

DO IT UP

Costume choice is vital in the Halloween season. Being topical or a sexified-anything is always the best way to maximize your tricks and treats. Here we offer a few suggestions and a list of the hottest sellers at costume superstore **Ricky's (www.rickyshalloween.com).**

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A meme

Print out a photo of an animal with large white block lettering at the top and bottom of the picture. Cut a hole where the animal's face should be and insert your own.

June Shannon, Honey Boo Boo's mama

Don your baggiest clothes. Fill a plastic bag with Fluff, peanut butter or some other mushy substance and tie that around your neck. Tie a brown scarf around it, both to hold it in place and to recreate her famous "neck crust." Bonus: Carry around your own bowl of sketti.

Mitt Romney's 'Binder of women'

This one requires some craftiness. We suggest using two halves of a portfolio folder, cut in half, with each side attached to your sides and cutouts of lady faces glued to a shirt. Or, gather a group of your best girlfriends, band together and attach portfolio sleeves to either end of the line-up.

Top costumes this season at Ricky's

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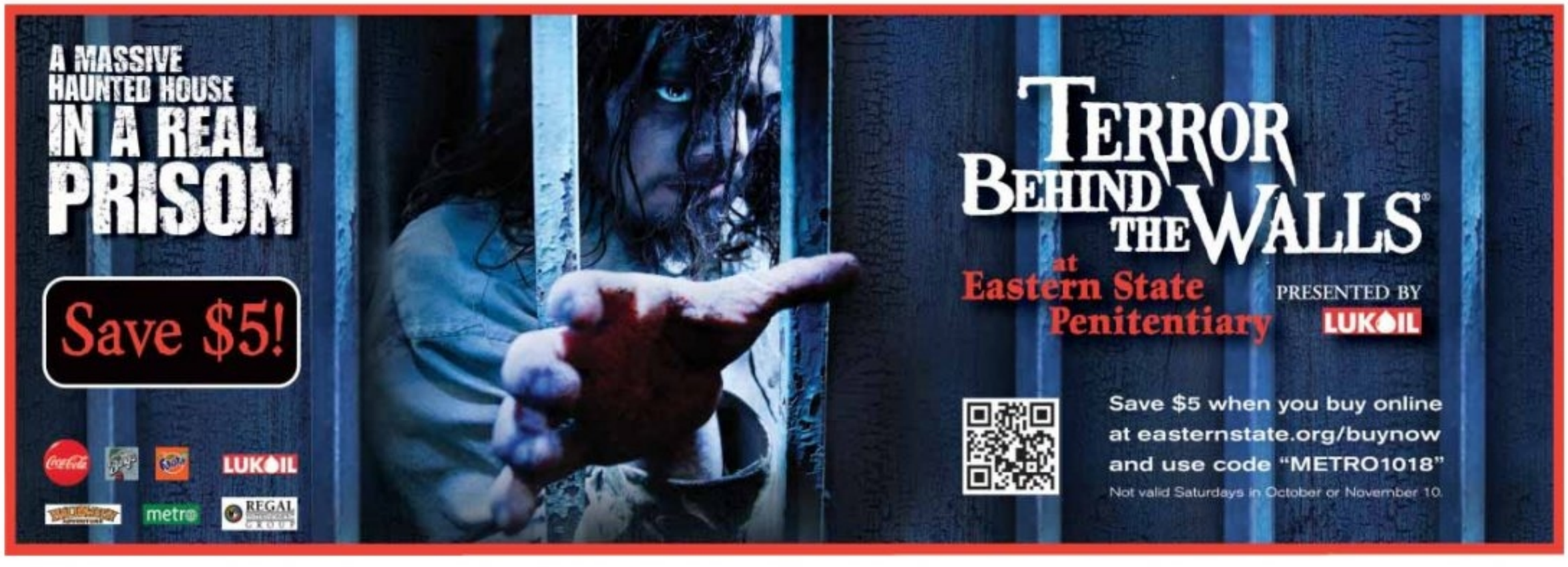
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On the trail with a ghost hunter

Zak Bagans tells us about his search for haunted activity Why he claims it's not just hocus-pocus

When Zak Bagans saw his first ghost — a woman at the foot of his bed in Detroit — he knew he was part of a rare breed of people. But he was disappointed to see how lightly people were taking his experience.

"I was really getting aggravated telling this story to people," the host of "Ghost Adventures" on the Travel Channel says. "I'd tell the story and then we'd go eat a sandwich and that's it. I experienced something that is legit. And that put me on this quest and it changed everything about me after that."

The paranormal expert now seeks out spirits for a living, and he doesn't listen to the naysayers around him.

"The evidence that we are capturing now is not just flickering lights and door knocks," he says. "I want to welcome people that don't believe and talk with them and show them the steps and have them accompany me on investigations."

Quoted

"When you do know that there is a life beyond death, and that now we're communicating with the life, it's a comfort. I don't look at this world as most people do anymore."
BAGANS

Bagans says the ghosts that still linger on earth do so for a reason.

"[They] have something to say," he says. "There's something unsolved in their life, whether it's an unsolved murder — they know who the killer is but the police never found out — a lost love [who] died suddenly, they're in denial [about their death]. A spirit, I believe, is still trapped here because they're not ready to move on. They want to keep living. Or they're dead and they're just stuck here, in purgatory, because they know that if they go to hell, it's gonna be worse."

And there's also a reason why they choose your particular home to haunt.

"It's still a fight of who owns the place. There's a living person there but there's a ghost that wants the living person out."

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Are you haunted?

If you're one of the "nine out of 10" who Bagans predicts has experienced some supernatural activity in your home, don't panic, he advises.

"Just let it be, because I think that if you try and communicate with them, like what I do, then once they realize — like in the movie "Ghost" — that you can hear them, they will just bug you even more. If that's what you want, get a digital recorder and talk with them. If you directly start communicating with them, they're gonna know that they've gotten your attention. That's what they're trying to do — get your attention."

▶ Zak Bagans is looking for one lucky person to join him on a night of ghost hunting as part of Patron XO Cafe's Hunt for Haunted America sweepstakes. Visit www.facebook.com/patronxocafe to enter, but hurry — the contest closes at noon today.

The basic tools

"The evolution of technology, the engineers that we work with — electrical engineers that have worked at NASA — they are designing this equipment for us," Bagans says.

Mel meter: It may look like a cell phone Zack Morris would have owned, but it's really used to pick up electromagnetic energy. "Spirits are made up of energy. ... This can detect the energy. It's like a metal detector."

Digital recorder: Got one of these lying around? You can use it to talk to ghosts. Once you identify some inexplicable energy, record yourself talking to the potential spirit and play it back on a speaker. "These microphones will pick up sounds that we can't hear," Bagans says. "They'll pick up subfrequencies. And when spirits speak they can speak within these subfrequencies, in the white noise that's generated by the recorders."

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www.phillyimprovtheater.com
Philly improv team Asteroid! presents this show in honor of low-budget monsters, tombstones that tremble in the wind and flying saucers that look suspiciously like saucers. You provide the suggestion, they craft an entire improvised B-movie and everyone longs for a time when Swamp Thing was legitimately terrifying.

Philly Zombie Fest

Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
The Piazza at Schmidt's
www.atthepiazza.com
Help set a zombie world record at the Piazza, where makeup artists will be on hand to convert any of the reluctant undead. Brain-eating contests, an ugly pageant, decaying Olympics: It's all free, but be a cool little zombie and bring a nonperishable food item for the Philabundance food bank.

Sex Dwarf Halloween Party

Oct. 27, 8 p.m.
The Troc, $10, www.thetroc.com
DJ Robert Drake is perhaps Philly's Pumpkin King: As the founder of the Philly Zombie Crawl and the popular event's spawns (including a prom and beach party), he knows a thing or two about throwing a Halloween bash. Join him next weekend for an '80s dance party at the Troc, followed by a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Boo Moonlight Cruise

Oct. 27, midnight to 2 a.m.
$40, The Spirit of Philadelphia
www.spiritofphiladelphia.com
This late-night cruise down the Delaware includes a costume contest, which we suspect will be packed with zombie pirates. Take it to Jack Sparrow levels and include an undead monkey.

▶ Wildwood is heavy on the treats.

Morey's Fears

Oct. 19-20 & Oct. 26-27
$30, Mariner's Landing
Wildwood, N.J.
www.moreyspiers.com
It's not terribly unusual to spot the occasional zombie on Wildwood's boardwalk. But this Halloween, Morey's Piers are going big and transforming into "Morey's Fears," haunted amusement parks complete with roaming ghouls, spooky special rides and their creepy trump card: the Atlantic Ocean on a cool fall night.

Pumpkin Land Fall Festival

Oct. 27., noon to 5 p.m.
Free, Headhouse Shambles
www.southstreet.com
The Headhouse District's annual block party has kids in mind, but we expect to see trick-or-treaters of all ages in the "Thriller" dance class (12:15). Pumpkin decorating, magic shows and storytelling round out the day.

MONICA WEYMOUTH

Songza

▶ Keep calm and put the playlist on, Mike.

Oh, the horror!

If you want to get into the spirit of Halloween and spook yourself silly, log on to **www.metro.us/songza and www.songza.com/listen/horror-movie-scores-songza.** It's a three-hour playlist of the most hair-raising, spine-tingling and blood-curdling scores from the most iconic horror movies ever made. There's the sci-fi ooze of Bernard Herrmann's score to "The Day the Earth Stood Still," the classical eeriness of Howard Shore's score from "The Silence of the Lambs," and we're pretty sure you'll get to hear John Carpenter's opening theme to "Halloween," which may even placate the esteemed Mr. Michael Myers (pictured). If that doesn't work, he may have to go back to killing. Mwahahaha!

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These are the times that try men's souls — and facts

RE: "OBAMA, ROMNEY TESTY IN CLASH OVER ECONOMICS, FUTURE PLANS" (METRO, OCT. 17) The second presidential debate left me deeply saddened. A recent study shows rats act to save another rat before lunging for food.

We are supposed to have higher consciousness. When Romney states his intention to go full-steam ahead for fossil fuels, he is willing to trash the planet while lunging for material benefits.

Regarding prayer: If you pray but do not listen to God or honor the whole of God's creation, your prayer is self-interested hot air. Romney's position is utterly deadly for the planet. Why doesn't this come up in the debate reviews? Pumping up fossil fuel is not necessary for economic growth. Germany, with one of the healthiest economies in Europe, is leading green energy growth and profitting faster than we are.
RITA VARLEY, VIA E-MAIL

Mitt Romney made his way in this world in the private sector, not in government. He has created jobs through business creation not legislation. In the rare cases where his business interests required the loss of jobs, it was due to the closing of companies that could not compete and be profitable.

Unlike governments, businesses must make a profit to continue rather than run with large deficits propped up by our tax dollars. Mitt Romney has the tools in his head to lead America out of this multitrillion-dollar hole that will soon bury us. I don't know if he has read Adam Smith, but I suspect that his cabinet won't include bankers and money brokers that have too much skin in the game to choose Americans over their own interests.
MARK ALLEN RAPSON, VIA E-MAIL

Romney opposes the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act because women don't belong in the same corporate ladder. He has "binders full of women" because they are not of the same species.
TOM LE, VIA E-MAIL

A telling moment during the second presidential debate occurred when Mitt Romney challenged the words President Obama used during his speech the day after the tragic murders of four Americans at the U.S. embassy in Libya.

Romney goaded the president until the moderator pointed out that Obama had in fact spoken the words he said he had. The ex-governor was caught in another lie, but this time the fact-checking came during the debate. Romney only confirmed how easily he can continue to exploit tragedy and twist the truth for political purposes.
DAVID TERHUNE, VIA E-MAIL

Editor's note: Moderator Candy Crowley later back-tracked, saying, "Romney was right in the main, I think he just picked the wrong word." According to Factcheck.org, while Obama did refer to terrorism in the contested speech he did not call the specific attack on the embassy as an act of terror. And it would be two weeks before he again called it terrorism. Semantics or valid complaint? You decide.

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Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If your credibility with others could be fragile at present, it wouldn't be wise to tell any fish stories. You need to have the trophies to back up your tales.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You are the type of person who seldom counts his or her chickens before they're hatched. However, for some reason, you might bank heavily on something more wishful than real.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Watch out for someone with ulterior motives who could try to manipulate you with flattery. If someone says that you're one of the greatest people alive, enjoy — but be on guard.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Someone for whom you've gone out of your way several times might not be in a mood to reciprocate when needed. Chalk it up to experience.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If a social gathering that you're invited to is likely to include several people you dislike, don't punish yourself by missing out on the fun.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Instead of taking bows for something you've yet to accomplish, tell it like it is. It could cause you embarrassment down the line if the work in question should go unfinished.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You like to play things spontaneously, and you usually do quite well. But unless you plan every step of the way today, you're likely to trip over your own feet.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Before getting yourself involved in a joint endeavor, think carefully about the costs and responsibilities that you'd be taking on. If things are not equally distributed, it won't work out.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't underestimate your adversaries, especially if you're involved in negotiating a critical matter. That edge you think you have may only exist in your head.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** The truth will out itself and put you in a very embarrassing position if you fudge the facts and pretend that you've done something that you promised to do but have yet to complete.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you are tempted to cater to your whims in order to achieve instant gratification, chances are you might engage yourself in something extremely extravagant and financially unwise.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be careful not to do anything that could jeopardize a relationship with some key allies. Your projects and prospects need the goodwill and support of these people. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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16 "No dice!" (hyph.)
17 Turn out
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23 Deep-sea denizen
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29 Chess piece
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33 Wide divergence
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37 Shrimp
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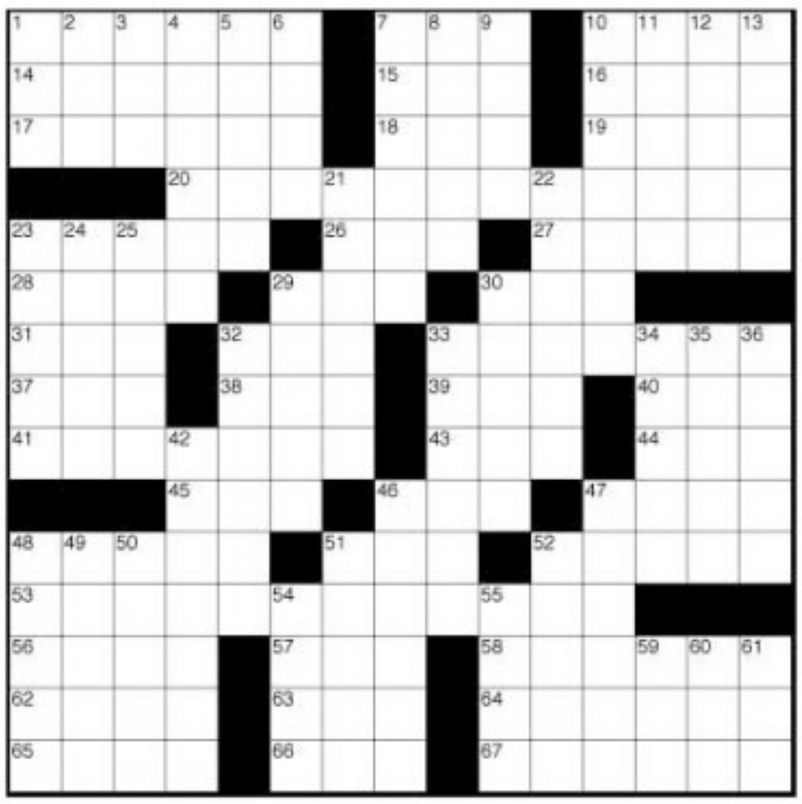

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Temple looking for crowd to 'come alive' vs. Rutgers

Owls looking for third straight conference win ◗ Coming off 17-14 overtime win against Connecticut ◗ Addazio expects capacity crowd at the Linc ◗ Big East's best new rivalry?

The Owls never won back-to-back Big East games in their previous 14-year tenure. Then, in 2004, they were unceremoniously asked to leave. So how does Temple actually have a chance to surpass that and retain a share of the conference lead with a win Saturday?

"You just go and battle every week and try to get a win," said Steve Addazio, whose Owls (3-2 overall, 2-0 Big East) will host unbeaten and No. 19 ranked Rutgers Saturday at the Linc. Temple beat Connecticut 17-14 in overtime last week. "Our kids understand the big picture. But you don't really sit there and say what happens if you win this game or that game. Then you start riding the roller coaster."

Knocking off South Florida, followed by UConn, has put the Owls in the same rarified air as No. 16 Louisville and No. 21 Cincinnati — both are on their schedule in the next four weeks. No wonder Addazio's downplaying this one. This could be their biggest crowd — excluding Penn State games — since moving to the Linc.

"I want Philadelphia to come alive," urged Addazio, who has a number of New Jersey natives spurned by Rutgers. "We're playing a ranked team, coming off a couple of victories. It will be an exciting day at the Linc."

Temple will need freshman linebacker sensation Tyler Matakevich, (19 tackles vs. UConn), running back Montel Harris (142 yards rushing, touchdown), and kicker Brandon McManus (three-time Big East special teams Player of the Week) to come up big, if they expect to win.

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▶ Rutgers quarterback Gary Nova invades Lincoln Financial Field this weekend.

ON TV SATURDAY

Rutgers at Temple
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Temple's record during its first stint in the Big East spanning 14 years. The Owls lost 27 straight conference games before finally notching a win in 1995 vs. Pitt.

Ready for Big East's newest turf battle?

With Pittsburgh and West Virginia flying the coop, this weekend could provide the first glimpse of the Big East's best rivalry: Temple vs. Rutgers.

The two are geographically close (separated by just 60 miles) and may be the most established programs left, with Syracuse and Connecticut also set to depart. Add in to the equation that Temple and Rutgers (6-0) play in two huge media markets, and step on each other's toes for recruits, and you might have the makings of something special.

Saturday will mark the 35th meeting between Temple and Rutgers, but first since 2004. The Owls own a 9-6 record in the series when it's played in Philadelphia; Rutgers leads the overall series, 18-16. METRO

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Birds work out offensive lineman, looking to improve Vick's blocking

It's no secret the Eagles need offensive line help. Yesterday, they took a step toward addressing that by bringing in Chris Williams.

Less than 24 hours after Chicago released him, the Eagles brought Williams in for a workout.

"Now, I will get an opportunity to go play somewhere, and I'm excited about that," Williams the Chicago Tribune. "The Bears are a good team, they will do well, and I will miss the guys. It sucks being released and that type of thing. But sitting on the bench here for the whole year wasn't going to help me in free agency. Now, I'll get a chance somewhere else."

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▶ Williams

The 27-year-old was the Bears' No. 1 pick (14th overall) in the 2008 NFL draft, but he's struggled with inconsistent play and injuries in his four-plus seasons in the league. Williams, who started 38 games, has the ability to play guard and tackle.

The Eagles lost starting left tackle Jason Peters before the season started and are now without starting center Jason Kelce. Fill-ins Demetress Bell and Dallas Reynolds have looked average at best, and now guard Danny Watkins is starting to regress. King Dunlap is working his way back into the mix as well.

On Tuesday, coach Andy Reid didn't leave out the possibility of improving his team with a trade or roster move. The trade deadline follows Week 8.

"Every day we go over that," Reid said. "We go over our personnel and whatever is available either on other teams through trades or guys that get cut."

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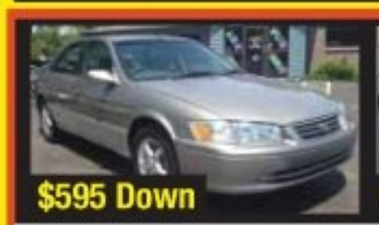
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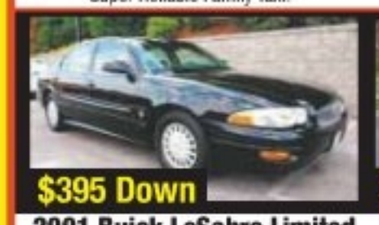
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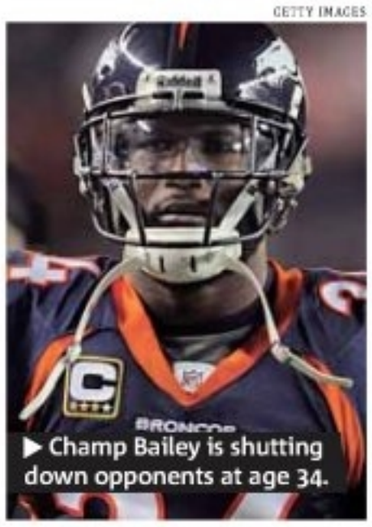

▶ Champ Bailey is shutting down opponents at age 34.

Everyone knows about Revis Island. But that's not the only place wide-outs get locked up.

As we expand our depth of thought when setting fantasy lineups, we can begin to examine one-on-one matchups. With **Darrelle Revis** out for the year, there are just a few corners to shy away from.

No ordinary Cro

Antonio Cromartie seems to play even better when Revis is sidelined. Using his elite size and physical press coverage, Cromartie has held down the likes of **Reggie Wayne** and **Andre Johnson** in the last two weeks. If you're deciding between **Brandon Lloyd** and another WR2/3 this week, it's worth shying away from Cro.

Ram Tough

Jeff Fisher has brought a physical, defensive brand of football to St. Louis. **Cortland Finnegan** fits right in. The feisty corner held **Brian Hartline** without a catch last week and it wasn't a fluke.

Still the Champ

The Broncos don't always use **Champ Bailey** in shadow coverage. But when they do, he dominates. Look for **Marques Colston** to see a ton of Champ after Denver's bye.

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These guys have reached the peak of their value:

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3. **James Jones, WR, GB —** Jones has six TDs in the last three games. It's unsustainable and Greg Jennings (groin) will eventually be back.

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Yards per reception for Browns rookie Josh Gordon this season. But he's only playing limited snaps as a situational deep threat. Avoid.

NFL news

Not Best

It's been more than a year since **Jahvid Best**'s last concussion, but he still can't get cleared. He's out for the season and his career is in jeopardy. Mikel Leshoure gets some more job security as a result.

NFL pickups

Felix Jones

RB, Cowboys
DeMarco Murray is out with a foot sprain, giving the explosive Jones the feature back job. He's averaged 5.1 yards per carry in his career.

Alex Green

RB, Packers
Green showed really well in his first start last week. The Packers have gone on the record committing to him as their "lead dog."

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A-Rod benched again, Yanks star source of trade rumors

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▶ Rodriguez to Miami? Yanks say report is false.

The Yankees aren't only sitting three-time MVP Alex Rodriguez, they are also talking about trading him.

According to the MLB.com "Nerd Blog," the Yankees and Miami Marlins have had discussions about a potential trade involving Rodriguez. The talks began as a joke, but now there may be something serious brewing. Yankees GM Brian Cashman called the reports "100 percent false."

"I have had no discussions whatsoever with the Marlins," Cashman said before Game 4 of the ALCS.

Said Rodriguez: "My focus right now is to help this team come together and win a game."

Either way, Rodriguez was out of the Yankees' lineup for a third straight day, in a pivotal Game 4 with New York trailing Detroit 3-0 entering last night's game. Eric Chavez started in his place. In the playoffs, Rodriguez is 3-for-23, with 12 strikeouts. All three hits have been singles.

"I'm not happy about it. Obviously, you come to the ballpark feeling you can help the team win. When you see your name is not in the lineup, it's obviously disappointing," Rodriguez told reporters.

Yankees skipper Joe Girardi also sat All-Star outfielder Curtis Granderson, who has 15 strikeouts in 32 at-bats during the playoffs. Brett Gardner replaced him in center field. METRO

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Million that A-Rod has remaining on his contract. He's signed for five years and has a no-trade clause, but he would reportedly waive that to head to Miami.

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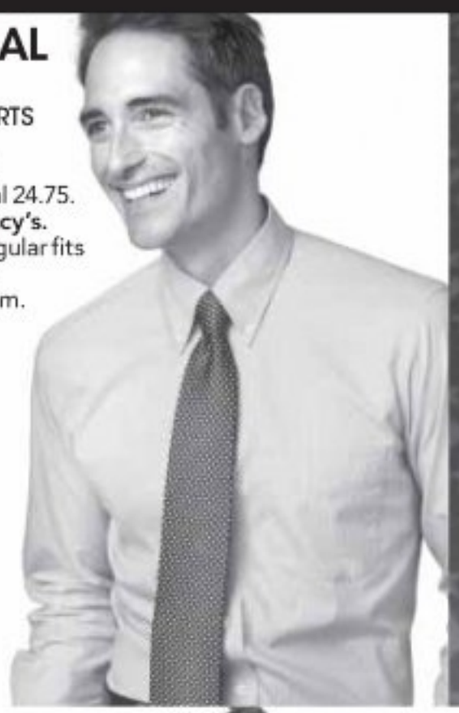

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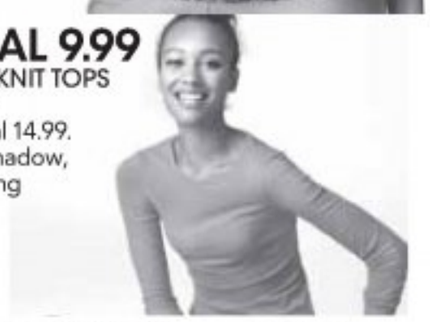

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